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Bird-cherry Ermine *Yponomeuta evonymella* L. (Lep.: Yponomeutidae) infestations in the Scottish Highlands

Dr Murdo Macdonald of Strathpeffer reported to me that he had seen serious defoliation of Bird-cherry *Prunus padus* along the Bridge of Gairn and main Royal Deeside roads, between Ballater and Braemar, in the 10km squares NO19, 29 and 39, in June 1996. Whole trees had been stripped of their leaves and branches were covered in webs.

On returning home he found several Bird-cherry trees were also infested on the Moy Island in the River Conon (10km square NH45), though not as devastatingly as in Aberdeenshire. I visited this Ross-shire locality with my wife on 23 July and found the infected trees. A few imagines of *Yponomeuta evonymella* L. were emerging from the webs. Bird-cherry trees were examined on the short drive to Muir of Ord but the only infestation noted was at Orrin Falls in the same 10km square. This species is not shown as occurring in VC 106 on Map 2 of Volume 3 of *The Moths and Butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland*.— DEREK C. HULME, Ord House Drive, Muir of Ord, Ross-shire IV6 7UQ.